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Things have gotten blurry at the Ministry of Transportation, Yakabuski says
MPP criticizes Ministry for denying reinstatement of license resulting from DriveTest centre strike

(Toronto) Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski questioned Minister of Transportation Jim Bradley yesterday over his ministry's denial to issue a constituent's drivers license as a result of the DriveTest centre strike.

Yakabuski explained that his constituent requires a vision test for his license renewal but due to the DriveTest centre closure, is forced to get one at his local ophthalmologist. Following this, he learned that he could not get the renewal because the Ministry would not recognize a test completed offsite.

"I find it ridiculous that the Ministry will not accept a vision test done by a registered optometrist or ophthalmologist therefore suggesting that DriveTest centers are the only acceptable place to get one," Yakabuski said. "I have asked the Minister to extend some grace in this situation and allow people to have vision tests done by their eye care professionals until the strike has ended."

Yakabuski further explained that the Ministry's reluctance to address this situation has left his constituent in an extremely difficult position. Having no other option, Yakabuski said that his constituent has since had to hire someone to drive him, a costly and unnecessary exercise.

"Clearly the priorities of the Ministry of Transportation have become blurred," Yakabuski continued. "Either I am seeing things or this Ministry has become myopic," he went on to say.

Yakabuski noted that he intended to get to the bottom of this situation and hoped to work with the Ministry to bring about a resolution.